

## KIDNAPPERS' DARK PLOT HATCHED IN NEW YORK.

Contemplated Wholesale  
Abduction and  
Murder.

POLICE AFTER WARNER.

Admit That the Journal Fur-  
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Clues.

BLAKE BEHIND THE BARS.

He and Hardy Make Full Con-  
fessions and Tremble Before  
a Mob's Fury.

STONES HURLED AT THEIR CELLS

Capture of Blake as Well as the Re-  
covery of Johnny Conway Goes  
to the Credit of the  
Albany Argus

Albany, Aug. 20.—H. G. Blake, one of the  
confederates of Joseph Hardy in the kid-  
naping of little Johnny Conway, has been  
captured, and confessions have been wrung  
from both. They reveal the startling de-  
tails of a plot, hatched in New York City,  
which contemplated a series of crimes more  
diabolical than the murders done by Burke  
and Hare in Scotland years ago—murders  
which horrified the civilized world.

When District Attorney Burdette con-  
firmed the report that the two prisoners  
had confessed, and added that Hardy was  
then reducing to writing a statement in  
which he names as a third conspirator  
Albert S. Warner, a New York lawyer,  
public indignation was inflamed to riotous  
pitch. At 9 o'clock to-night a crowd of  
5,000 muttering citizens, armed with pis-  
tols, clubs and stones, are gathered around  
the city building, where Hardy and Blake  
are confined.

The city resembles a southern town when  
a lynching is about to occur. Only a  
distant leader seems looking to lead them  
on to violence. Once there was an out-  
break. Stones were hurled at the window  
of Hardy's cell. A large cordon of police-  
men charged the crowd, and a semblance  
of order was finally restored.

The police force has been mobilized about  
the city building, in which is the police  
headquarters. The city officials fear a  
momentary outbreak on the part of citi-  
zens, and are in dread of the consequences.  
Blake and Hardy are pale, haggard and  
almost prostrated. They plead piteously to  
the police to save them from the fury of  
the mob, and it is under the pressure  
that Hardy has been induced to reduce  
his complete confession to writing. That  
the Albany Argus has furnished the needed  
clues to the plot, hatched in New York  
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more diabolical than the murders done by  
Burke and Hare in Scotland years ago—mur-  
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District Attorney Burdette says that  
Warner, who is supposed to be the man  
heretofore known as Knapps, was the  
brainy member of the gang. As the Journal  
told exclusively yesterday, the police  
have been looking for Warner since Hardy  
was placed under arrest and pressed to a  
confession. It is not believed that the man  
can escape. The police say he has been  
long under suspicion of implication in a  
series of crimes and has barely escaped ar-  
rest in a dozen cities.

The plans of this gang contemplated the  
kidnaping of several other children be-  
sides the Conway boy. They were to be  
taken in the same manner that Johnny  
Conway was kidnapped. On the refusal of  
the parents to accede to the demand for  
money, the children were to be quietly put  
out of the way.

The information that led to the discovery  
of this plot also furnished substantial evi-  
dence that the gang on yesterday morn-  
ing would have made short work of the  
Conway boy but for the timely appearance  
of the rescue. The desperate nature of the  
gang, angry at not receiving any ransom  
money and hounded by police and parties  
of searchers, had led them to agree that  
they should try to get money before to-  
day fall, the boy was to be taken to the  
Pine Bush waste, far from any houses, and  
there tied to the Central Union tracks. The  
horrible plan is part of the confession of one  
of the captured men.

It is no longer believed that Hardy,  
the uncle of the boy, was one of the origi-  
nators of the plot. The two principals are  
held to be Blake and Warner. The name  
is given in the police descriptions as  
Knapps, and whom the police now say is  
Warner. Blake is the man who wrote the  
letter to Michael Conway, demanding  
\$3,000 ransom. The crowd seems to thirst  
for his blood. His name has been cursed  
by the crowd, and he is being led in jail  
this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Blake's capture was effected by John F.  
Farrell, counsel for the Albany Argus, to  
which credit is also due. It was the argu-  
ment of Mr. Farrell that the boy, who was  
the kidnapped boy, Mr. Farrell found him  
in Schenectady. There was a large  
crowd in that city, and the boy was taken  
to Albany. Mr. Farrell finally caught  
sight of Blake on the railroad tracks near  
the depot. "I walked straight toward him,"  
he says, "and he turned and ran. I followed  
him, and asked him to come with me. I  
carried him into the depot baggage room,  
and after some delay, he came with me. I  
would accompany me to Albany without  
my calling the police. He agreed to go,  
and gave me no trouble whatever. On our  
return here I turned him over to the po-  
lice."

**Threatening Mob Gathered.**  
Late this afternoon all the police re-  
serves in the city were summoned. A  
double line of bluecoats guarded every  
way to the city building. All strangers  
were ejected from the building, and  
every precaution was taken to keep secret  
the movements of the police and the prisoner.  
Groups of citizens, however, gathered  
and cursed the prisoner and the case. Weapons  
were furiously exhibited. Clubs and stones  
were hurled at the windows of the city  
building. A mob of about fifty persons  
divided that something was to be done.  
Into three parts the dense mass of  
human beings separated, and each of the  
three exits from the building was sur-  
rounded by a threatening multitude.

The police, fearing an attack on the  
building, thought to use force. At 9 o'clock  
two closed carriages were brought to the  
William street entrance to Police Head-  
quarters and were surrounded by fifty police-  
men, who kept the crowd away. A rubber coat  
was taken into the Chief's office, a man was  
covered with it and hurriedly dragged out  
bundled into a carriage. Twenty policemen

in plain clothes moved among  
the mob and excited the authorities within  
by reports of the great excitement pre-  
vailing outside. Then came a dramatic in-  
cident. A score of additional policemen  
were summoned from outlying districts.  
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Joseph Hardy, One of the Kidnappers.  
Hardy, for whose blood the Albany mob clamored last night, is the uncle of little  
Johnny Conway, in whose abduction he joined. Hardy has made a full confession in  
writing, giving the details of a diabolical plot for wholesale kidnapping and murder.

guarded the man from the door to the  
carriage at the gutter. Three officers  
jumped in with the man and the driver  
whipped up his team.

"Lynch the ———!" Turn over  
the back!" the crowd shouted.  
A thousand men and many women ran  
after the carriage, which was driven to  
the jail. There a struggling dense crowd  
surrounded the building. Instead of stop-  
ping there the driver was directed to drive  
to the Fourth Precinct Station House,  
where the man enveloped in the rubber  
coat was taken.

**It Fooled the Crowd.**  
Meantime it was learned that this move  
of the police was a ruse, and the crowd  
raced madly back to Police Headquarters.  
Blake was quaking in the chief's office. The  
man in the rubber coat was Detective  
Nolan, sent out in that way to delude the  
mob and take them from Police Head-  
quarters.

Learning by the mob's pursuit of the cab  
that another cab trip was dangerous, it  
was determined to look Blake up to the jail  
cells at headquarters. Hardy is in a dither  
of cells adjoining his confederate.

At 10 o'clock the crowd began to dwindle  
away. The police guard was maintained,  
however, and a cordon of officers will keep  
all men at a distance from the building.  
Mayor Thatcher is confident that Warner  
will be captured before morning, but will  
not talk of the evidence against him. A  
police official admits that the first infor-  
mation about Warner came from the Journal,  
and put them on his trail. The police  
had been informed of the complexity of one  
Warner, a mistake being made in the name,  
and were led into a search for old George  
Wards, of the Pine Bush, whose house was  
searched yesterday morning. The detailed  
information furnished by the Journal en-  
abled them to fully identify Warner and  
look up his record. Warner is supposed to  
be in hiding in Schenectady, Amsterdam or  
some town in the Mohawk Valley.

The police late to-night received information  
that connects Lawyer Warner with Blake  
and the kidnapping and also con-  
nects Blake and Warner with the sensational  
burglary of the Drislane grocery store  
last February, when \$1,400 was  
stolen. A woman who is a friend of  
Blake's, told the police that she saw Blake  
and Warner together in Albany last Sun-  
day night. Blake had told her much about  
his store the day before the burglary in  
New York, who he said, was a sharp New  
York lawyer, who had helped him out of  
many scrapes.

Warner, whose store was burglarized  
last winter, declares that Warner's de-  
scription tallies exactly with that of  
"Judge Warner," who was brought into  
his store the day before the burglary by  
Blake.

From the well-authenticated stories of  
the plans of the gang, Warner, the con-  
fessions extracted from Blake and Hardy,  
there are details of a carefully laid plot to  
kidnap a prominent young woman of Ben-  
nington and hold her for ransom as Johnny  
Conway was held.

### IN WAIT FOR WARNER.

Detectives Invest His Office in This City  
from Which He Has Been Ab-  
sent Since Saturday.

All last night Central Office detectives  
lay in wait for Warner at his office, on  
the southeast corner of Broadway and  
Thirty-fourth street.

During the past two days a mass of  
evidence has accumulated to confirm the  
belief that the plot to kidnap the Conway  
child originated in this city.  
Warner's office is also his sleeping apart-  
ment. He has not been there since last  
Sunday night. His stenographer declares  
that she expected him back Wednesday.  
She says she does not know where he  
went, and that she has had no word of  
his whereabouts since. The Albany police  
have telegraphed a request for his arrest,  
but not even the Albany police knew of  
the incriminating statements concerning  
Warner, which were in the hands of the  
Journal before the police of this city ever  
heard of them.

Ten days before the disappearance of  
Johnny Conway Warner went to a man  
in the city and explained that he had a  
plan by which money was to be made easily  
and quickly. He wanted, he said, the sum  
of \$200 for preliminary expenses, and this  
he tried to borrow from the man to whom  
he unfolded the plan. Briefly, the scheme  
was to abduct a child and hold it for ran-  
som.

"I have got the child already picked out,"  
he said.

## CITIZENS' UNION CHOOSES WAR.

Leaders All Refuse to  
Play in Platt's  
Yard.

DON'T WANT TO CONFER.

They Will Have None but  
Low, and Will Not Wait  
Long, Either.

QUIGG IS STILL DEFIANT.

He Insists on a Conference Be-  
fore Nomination, or War  
to the Knife.

KNOWS THAT BOOMS TAMMANY.

Unionists Rely Much on Worth and  
His Cohorts, and Are Daily  
Strengthening Their  
Line of Battle

It is simply because we wish all  
the boroughs to participate in the  
act of placing Mr. Low before the  
people as the non-partisan candi-  
date, that Mr. Low's decisive reply  
to our efforts in his behalf is not al-  
ready public property. It is not for  
me to express Mr. Low's intentions,  
but I will say my opinion is that he  
will be nominated by the Citizens'  
Union before September 28, and that  
he will accept. We cannot confer  
with any political organization—  
Chairman John B. Reynolds, of the  
Executive Committee of the Citiz-  
ens' Union.

The Citizens' Union is assured of  
its ability to satisfy Mr. Low of the  
existence of a popular demand, and  
we have no doubt he will accept,  
and that he will be nominated early  
in September. The Union cannot  
confer with the Republican organi-  
zation—Secretary John C. Clark.

It is becoming more certain every  
moment that if the Citizens' Union  
nominates Low without conference,  
and before our convention, the  
Republicans will put a "candi-  
date of their own in the field. The  
responsibility for a Tammany tri-  
umph will then rest on the Union—  
Chairman Lemuel E. Quigg.

For the first time since the Majority  
campaign opened, the officers of the Citiz-  
ens' Union yesterday were in a position  
to state that both Low would accept an in-  
dependent nomination, upon the authority of  
Mr. Low himself. Mr. Low's decision thus  
established, the officers of the Union were  
enabled to declare positively that the or-  
ganization would not confer with the Re-  
publican party and that it would make its  
nomination prior to September 28, the date  
upon which the Republican City Con-  
vention will probably be held.

The Journal has authority to say that the  
declarations of Chairman Reynolds and  
Secretary Clark, above quoted, are based  
upon assurances from Mr. Low.

In his consultations with Mr. Reynolds  
and other members of the Union, Mr. Low  
plainly defined his position. He expressed  
gratification over the figures of the Enrol-  
ment Committee, showing that over 103,000  
voters had declared their preference for  
him, and said he would accept an in-  
dependent nomination. Before formally an-  
nouncing his decision he asked that the  
call for his nomination include all of the  
five boroughs comprising Greater New York.

**To Hold a Big Conference.**  
As a result, the Citizens' Union to-day  
appointed Joseph Larocque, Joel B. Er-  
hardt, John E. Enstis, John B. Pine, with  
Mr. Reynolds as chairman, as a committee  
representing the Borough of Manhattan,  
to arrange a conference with the non-parti-  
san bodies of the other four boroughs. This  
conference will be called shortly, and ar-  
rangements will be perfected to have the  
five boroughs unite in asking Mr. Low to  
be the Republican nominee.

Upon the receipt of this representative  
call, Mr. Low will formally announce his  
acceptance of the nomination. It is the  
hope of the Citizens' Union, already  
in harmony with the Republican Convention,  
that the date of the Republican Convention,  
which will be held in the Boroughs of Brooklyn,  
Richmond, Queens and Bronx, and Mr. Low's  
supporters say it will be an easy task to  
comply with his wishes.

Chairman Reynolds says significantly:  
"It is simply because we wish all the  
boroughs to participate in the act of plac-  
ing Mr. Low before the people as the non-  
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that my opinion is that he will be nomi-  
nated before September 28, which I believe  
to be the date of the Republican Convention,  
and that he will accept the nomination."

**As to the question of a conference,**  
repeated that the Union, by  
reason of the principles on which it  
rests and because we are already  
pledged to Mr. Low, cannot confer  
with the Republican organization.

Secretary John C. Clark said: "The Citiz-  
ens' Union is now assured of its ability  
to satisfy Mr. Low of the existence of a  
popular demand, and we have no doubt  
that he will accept."

**Larocque Against Fusion.**  
Joseph Larocque, of the new Borough of  
Manhattan Committee on Conference, had  
no sooner received his appointment yester-  
day than he gave out a statement against  
fusion.

He said that the conference was pro-  
posed by the Republican County Com-  
mittee in Union Square on account of the veteran's  
well-known familiarity with Seth Low and  
of the visits said to have been made be-  
tween the two since the latter came to  
town. Mr. Larocque said:

"The Citizens' Union cannot confer with  
Mr. Platt's organization, or any other, be-  
fore the nomination of candidates, since  
such a conference would plainly violate our  
principles."

## WEYLER RESENTS THE JOURNAL'S CISNEROS APPEAL BY EXPELLING BRYSON.

Journal Correspondent  
Peremptorily Ordered  
to Leave Cuba.

MRS. LOGAN TO THE QUEEN

Col. Ingersoll Adds His Voice  
to the Protest Against the  
Girl Martyr's Fate.

MOTHERS SUPERIOR, TOO.

Two Catholic Orders of Religious  
Women Shocked at the Fate  
of the Innocent Cuban.

CAN'T CREDIT SUCH INHUMANITY.

All Christian People Aroused at the  
Prospect of the Dreadful Punish-  
ment that May Be Meted Out  
by the Captain-General.

Captain-General Weyler's an-  
swer to the Journal's effort to save  
Miss Cisneros from the hands of  
her unspeakably brutal captors is to  
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